

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021 Week 14 (April 5 - 9)

("Let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly" ... and bear fruit in our lives) – Colossians 3:16.

Historical Context (Paul's third missionary trip).

56 AD Paul writes the First letter to the Corinthians from Ephesus – where Paul and Timothy stayed with Aquilla and Pricilla for three years, making tents for sale with them.

Paul sends Timothy, with Erastus on ahead to Macedonia.

After the riot in Ephesus (referred to in II Corinthians 1:8, cf. Acts 19), Paul rejoins Timothy in Macedonia.

Paul writes II Corinthians from Philippi.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Clarification from the Greek (the original language)</u>
Mon.	I Corinthians 13 (:13)	Remain = "To continue, to dwell." This is a singular verb that creates one entity out of three things: faith, hope, and love. It is a unity that dwells together.
Tues.	I Corinthians 14 (:1)	Desire = "zeal / eagerly strive for / be enthusiastic about / admire."
Wed.	I Corinthians 15 (:6)	Asleep = Used both for actually sleeping – "they stole the body while we were sleeping" (Matthew 28:13). The word is <u>also</u> used euphemistically for being dead – "After [Jesus] had said this, he went on to tell them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up. His disciples replied, 'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.' Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then [Jesus] told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead.' (John 11:11-14).
Thurs.	I Corinthians 16 (:11)	Should refuse to accept = "To consider as nothing / despise / reject with contempt."
Fri.	II Corinthians 1 (:3)	Comfort = The Greek word carries the idea of comfort and consolation; as well as the idea of encouragement and exhortation. The Holy Spirit is called by a derivation of the same Greek root word – the encouraging and comforting counselor.

Sources: www.thebiblejourney.org; The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament; Analytical Greek New Testament; The Interlinear NIV; Dictionary of New Testament Theology, Vols. 1-3; The Englishman's Greek Concordance to the New Testament.

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